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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a concerned citizen, I write you with interest in the recent developments in the Microsoft settlement. I find it hard to believe that after three years of negotiations, that the settlement is going under further scrutiny. The terms of this settlement are fair and should be able to speak for themselves.

It is time to let the technology industry get underway and back to business. As we continue to go through a recession, the government continues to delay the very process that will put a kick back into our economy. The IT sector is waiting to use this agreement as a guideline for advancement, and is ready to get back to work. In this highly competitive global market, we need to support our technology industry in any way we can.

Let us support our technology in any way we can. Let us not be the ones to slow down the very process that we initiated.

Sincerely,

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